(b) whether it is also a fact that these agencies purchased wheat through middlemen instead of direct purchase from the farmers;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d what action has since been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In Punjab and Haryana, public agencies procure wheat, normally, through Kacha Arhtias. Similarly, in U. P., it is the normal practice to procure wheat through Village Vyaparis instead of Rupees 157 per quintal fixed at Rupees 145 to Rupees 150 a quintal by Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In Punjab, the F.C.I. has opened 35 direct purchase centres and the farmers are free to sell their wheat at these centres at the support price fixed by the Government.

Seminar on the Rural Centres and Settlements Planning

2093. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminer on the Rural Centres and Settlements Planning sponsored by ESCAP was held in New Delhi during the second week of July, 1985;

(b) if so, the names of countries who participated in the seminar;

(c) the nature of discussions held; and

(d) what are the decisions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bhutan, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, participated in the Seminar. Officers of the Government of India and some of the State Governments among others also participated in Seminar.

(c) Representatives from the participating countries presented papers on their country experience in Rural Centre and Settlements Planning and these papers were discussed by the participants.

(d) The report on the Seminar on Rural Centre and Settlements Planning is to be finalised by ESCAP which is a body under United Nations Systems. The report has not been received so far from ESCAP.

Delhi Apartment Ownership Act

2094. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Apartment Ownership Act is being drafted; and

(b) if not, whether the ownership of DDA flats vests with the DDA?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) There is a proposal to enact an Apartment Ownership Act for Delhi.

(b) DDA flats remain lease hold properties after their disposal to the buyers and are governed by the relevant lease terms.

Provident Fund and Family Pension Act for Beedi Workers

2095. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Probeedi workers was enforced in June, beedi workers was enforced in June, 1977;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Act was stayed by the Supreme Court in 1979; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (c) The provisions of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act. 1952 were extended to the Beedi workers w.e.f. 31-5-1977. Some Beedi Manufacturers had subsequently challenged the applicability of the Act to Beedi Industry in the

Supreme Court and the Court had, in 1980, ordered the stay of operation of the notification extending the provisions of the Act to Beedi Industry, pending hearing of the case. The hearing in the case has since been concluded and the judgement is awaited.

भविष्य निधि मामलों के लिये अधिवक्ताओं की नियुक्ति

2096. **श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा भविष्य निधि के मामलों के लिए राज्य-वार कितने अधिवक्ताओं की नियुक्ति की गई है; और

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उन्हें कितने शुल्क (फीस) का भुगतान किया गया है?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी० अन्जैय्या) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जायगी।

Construction of houses for the Rural Labour and Harijans

2097. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of houses that have been built for the rural labour and Harijans as a part of 20 Point Programme during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) what were the targets fixed in the Sixth Five Year Plan during each year of this programme and the actual achievement; and

(c) what was the construction cost of each house and what were the grant given by the Central Government to the States on this account?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Under the scheme of allotment of house sites-cum-construction assistance for rural landless workers which is a part of the New 20 Point Programme, the house sites are allotted and construction assistance is given to rural landless workers and artisans. Statement indicating the targets and achievements of this scheme during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1981—85) is annexed.

(c) Housing being a State subject, all social housing schemes are being implemented by the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. The Union Government provides financial assistance in the shape of block loans and block grants without being tied up to any particular scheme.

Poor Quality of Foodgrains supplied through Fair Price Shops

2098. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints Government have received during the last three years about the poor quality of foodgrains supplied through Fair Price Shops, year-wise, and State-wise;

(b) the number of complaints enquired into by Government;

(c) what action has been taken on the complaints; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the quality of foodgrains supplied through the Fair Price Shops?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Fortyeight complaints were received from January 1982 to July, 1985, about the poor quality of foodgrains supplied through fair price shops. State-wise and year-wise breakup is enclosed. (*See below*).

(b) Out of 48 complaints received, 38 complaints have been investigated and 10 complaints are under investigation.

(c) In 25 cases where there was substance in the complaints, the State Governments and F.C.I. were asked to take suitable action. In 13 cases, it was found that the grain conformed to P.F.A. standards.

(d) Regular quality checks/inspections are carried out at food storage depots, from where supplies are effected for public distribution. Fair price shop dealers are allowed to inspect stocks earmarked for supply. Two representative samples drawn by the owner of FPS and a representative of the FCI, are given to fair price shops for public display, indicating the quality of foodgranins acttually issued.